

EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 2: Coast Banksia Woodland

Description:

Restricted to near coastal localities on secondary or tertiary dunes behind Coastal Dune Scrub. Usually dominated by a woodland overstorey of Coast Banksia *Banksia integrifolia* to 15 m tall over a medium shrub layer. The understorey consists of a number of herbs and sedges, including scramblers.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Banksia</i> spp.	50 cm	10 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
15%	<i>Banksia integrifolia</i> ssp. <i>integrifolia</i>	Coast Banksia

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	2	15%	T
Medium Shrub	3	30%	MS
Large Herb	2	1%	LH
Medium Herb	3	15%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	10%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	2	1%	MTG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	1	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Myoporum insulare</i>	Common Boobialla
T	<i>Acacia longifolia</i> ssp. <i>sophorae</i>	Coast Wattle
MS	<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> ssp. <i>candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush
MS	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark
MS	<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea-tree
MS	<i>Monotoca elliptica</i> s.l.	Tree Broom-heath
LH	<i>Senecio linearifolius</i>	Fireweed Groundsel
LH	<i>Urtica incisa</i>	Scrub Nettle
MH	<i>Senecio biserratus</i>	Jagged Fireweed
MH	<i>Lobelia anceps</i>	Angled Lobelia
MH	<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	White Elderberry
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
SH	<i>Apium prostratum</i> ssp. <i>prostratum</i>	Sea Celery
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i>	Coast Sword-sedge
MTG	<i>Isolepis inundata</i>	Swamp Club-sedge
MNG	<i>Ficinia nodosa</i>	Knobby Club-sedge
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
SC	<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	Bower Spinach
SC	<i>Galium australe</i>	Tangled Bedstraw

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Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

10 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort	high	high
LH	<i>Conyza bonariensis</i>	Flaxleaf Fleabane	high	low
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	high	low
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	low

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EVC 6: Sand Heathland

Description:

Treeless heathland (or with occasional emergent mallee-form eucalypts and/or Banksias) occurring on deep infertile sands. Consists of a low, dense heathy shrub layer and a number of sedges and sedge-like species. Grasses and herbs are notably absent or infrequent.

Life Forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	7	55%	MS
Small Shrub	4	10%	SS
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	15%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	1%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
MS	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>	Heath Tea-tree
SS	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
SS	<i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>	Common Flat-pea
SS	<i>Hibbertia fasciculata</i> var. <i>prostrata</i>	Bundled Guinea-flower
SS	<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	Common Beard-heath
MH	<i>Gonocarpus humilis</i>	Shade Raspwort
MH	<i>Drosera peltata</i> ssp. <i>auriculata</i>	Tall Sundew
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
LTG	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i> ssp. <i>lutea</i>	Small Grass-tree
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma concavum</i>	Sandhill Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>	Tassel Rope-rush
MNG	<i>Schoenus brevifolius</i>	Zig-zag Bog-sedge
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

20% cover

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

EVC 6: Sand Heathland - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC 8: Wet Heathland

Description:

A low, generally treeless heathland although sometimes emergent eucalypts may be present. Occurs on lower slopes, flats or depressions, which are infertile and subjected to prolonged water logging. Understorey is often dominated a range of sedges, grasses and shrubs.

Life Forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	6	40%	MS
Small Shrub	3	5%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	3	20%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Melaleuca squarrosa</i>	Scented Paperbark
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Allocasuarina paludosa</i>	Scrub Sheoak
MS	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia
SS	<i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>	Common Flat-pea
SS	<i>Hibbertia acicularis</i>	Prickly Guinea-flower
SS	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
SS	<i>Pultenaea stricta</i>	Rigid Bush-pea
MH	<i>Gonocarpus humilis</i>	Shade Raspwort
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
MNG	<i>Schoenus brevifolius</i>	Zig-zag Bog-sedge
MNG	<i>Schoenus lepidosperma</i>	Slender Bog-sedge
MNG	<i>Leptocarpus tenax</i>	Slender Twine-rush
MNG	<i>Baumea juncea</i>	Bare Twig-sedge
SC	<i>Cassytha glabella</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

20% cover

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

EVC 8: Wet Heathland - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC 16: Lowland Forest

Description:

Open forest to 25 m tall. It grows on a wide variety of geology and soils mostly on north and north westerly aspects. Characterised by an often heathy understorey with a variety of other life forms including shrubs, grasses and herbs.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	# / ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
30%	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus croajingolensis</i>	Gippsland Peppermint
	<i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i>	Silvertop Ash
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	2	10%	T
Medium Shrub	8	35%	MS
Small Shrub	4	10%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Medium Herb	6	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	3	5%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	2	15%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	3	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

EVC 16: Lowland Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	Cherry Ballart
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
MS	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
MS	<i>Acacia mucronata</i> ssp. <i>longifolia</i>	Narrow-leaf Wattle
MS	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
SS	<i>Amperea xiphoclada</i> var. <i>xiphoclada</i>	Broom Spurge
SS	<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
SS	<i>Lomatia ilicifolia</i>	Holly Lomatia
SS	<i>Bauera rubioides</i>	Wiry Bauera
LH	<i>Pterostylis longifolia</i> s.l.	Tall Greenhood
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
MH	<i>Drosera peltata</i>	Pale Sundew
SH	<i>Hydrocotyle laxiflora</i>	Stinking Pennywort
SH	<i>Opercularia varia</i>	Variable Stinkweed
LTG	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i> ssp. <i>lutea</i>	Small Grass-tree
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
MTG	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i> ssp. <i>filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
MTG	<i>Poa australis</i> spp. agg.	Tussock Grass
MTG	<i>Dianella caerulea</i> var. <i>caerulea</i>	Paroo Lily
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
MNG	<i>Poa tenera</i>	Slender Tussock-grass
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
EP	<i>Muellerina eucalyptoides</i>	Creeping Mistletoe
SC	<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis
SC	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MH	<i>Hypochaeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low

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EVC 18: Riparian Forest

Description:

A tall forest to 30 m tall of river banks and associated alluvial terraces with occasional occurrences in the heads of gullies leading into creeks and rivers. The soil is fertile alluvium, regularly inundated and permanently moist. Dominated by tall eucalypts but also has an open to sparse secondary tree layer of wattles and scattered dense patches of shrubs, ferns, grasses and herbs.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	80 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> ssp. <i>viminalis</i>	Manna Gum
	<i>Eucalyptus strzeleckii</i>	Strzelecki Gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	4	20%	T
Medium Shrub	8	20%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Large Herb	2	1%	LH
Medium Herb	6	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	3	5%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	5	20%	GF
Tree Fern	2	10%	TRF
Scrambler or Climber	3	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

EVC 18: Riparian Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Silver Wattle
T	<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	Victorian Christmas-bush
MS	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
MS	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee
MH	<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	Hairy Pennywort
MH	<i>Geranium potentilloides</i>	Cinquefoil Cranesbill
SH	<i>Oxalis corniculata</i> s.l.	Yellow Wood-sorrel
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
LTG	<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	Tall Sword-sedge
LTG	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
MTG	<i>Poa australis</i> spp. agg.	Tussock Grass
MTG	<i>Dianella tasmanica</i>	Tasman Flax-lily
MTG	<i>Isolepis inundata</i>	Swamp Club-sedge
MNG	<i>Poa tenera</i>	Slender Tussock-grass
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
GF	<i>Blechnum nudum</i>	Fishbone Water-fern
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
GF	<i>Blechnum wattsii</i>	Hard Water-fern
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
TRF	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree-fern
TRF	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

50 % cover

Logs:

30 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	Blackberry	high	high
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	high	low

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EVC 23: Herb-rich Foothill Forest

Description:

Occurs on relatively fertile, moderately well-drained soils on an extremely wide range of geological types and in areas of moderate to high rainfall. Occupies easterly and southerly aspects mainly on lower slopes and in gullies. A medium to tall open forest or woodland to 25 m tall with a small tree layer over a sparse to dense shrub layer. A high cover and diversity of herbs and grasses in the ground layer characterise this EVC.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i> <i>Eucalyptus cypellocarpa</i>	Messmate Stringybark Mountain Grey-gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	2	15%	T
Medium Shrub	5	20%	MS
Large Herb	3	5%	LH
Medium Herb	9	15%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	15%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	2	10%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	3	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

EVC 23: Herb-rich Foothill Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Acacia verniciflua</i>	Varnish Wattle
MS	<i>Ozothamnus ferrugineus</i>	Tree Everlasting
MS	<i>Cassinia longifolia</i>	Shiny Cassinia
LH	<i>Senecio linearifolius</i>	Fireweed Groundsel
LH	<i>Wahlenbergia gracilis s.l.</i>	Sprawling Bluebell
MH	<i>Viola hederacea sensu Willis (1972)</i>	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Lagenophora stipitata</i>	Common Bottle-daisy
MH	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee
SH	<i>Oxalis corniculata s.l.</i>	Yellow Wood-sorrel
SH	<i>Galium propinquum</i>	Maori Bedstraw
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
LTG	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock-grass
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
MTG	<i>Lomandra filliformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
MTG	<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey Tussock-grass
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
MNG	<i>Echinopogon ovatus</i>	Common Hedgehog-grass
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis
SC	<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry
SC	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine
SC	<i>Glycine clandestina</i>	Twining Glycine

Recruitment:
Continuous

Organic Litter:
40 % cover

Logs:
20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	high	high
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	high	low
MH	<i>Plantago major</i>	Greater Plantain	high	low
MTG	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	high	high

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 29: Damp Forest

Description:

Grows on a wide range of geologies on well-developed generally colluvial soils on a variety of aspects, from sea level to montane elevations. Dominated by a tall eucalypt tree layer to 30 m tall over a medium to tall dense shrub layer of broad-leaved species typical of wet forest mixed with elements from dry forest types. The ground layer includes herbs and grasses as well as a variety of moisture-dependent ferns.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	90 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> ssp. <i>bicostata</i>	Eurabbie
	<i>Eucalyptus cypellocarpa</i>	Mountain Grey Gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	4	20%	T
Medium Shrub	6	30%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Large Herb	2	1%	LH
Medium Herb	8	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	3	10%	GF
Tree Fern	1	5%	TRF
Scrambler or Climber	3	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
T	<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
T	<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
MS	<i>Cassinia aculeata</i>	Common Cassinia
LH	<i>Senecio linearifolius</i>	Fireweed Groundsel
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Geranium potentilloides</i>	Cinquefoil Cranesbill
MH	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee
MH	<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	Forest Starwort
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
GF	<i>Calochlaena dubia</i>	Common Ground-fern
TRF	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree-fern
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis
SC	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine

EVC 29: Damp Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

50 % cover

Logs:

30 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	Blackberry	high	high
LH	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	high	high
LH	<i>Senecio jacobaea</i>	Ragwort	high	high
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 30: Wet Forest

Description:

Grows on fertile, well-drained loamy soils on a range of geologies and elevation levels. It is largely restricted to protected sites in gullies and on southern aspects of hills and mountains where rainfall is high and cloud cover at ground level is frequent. Characterised by a tall eucalypt overstorey to 30 m tall with scattered understorey trees over a tall broad-leaved shrubby understorey and a moist, shaded, fern-rich ground layer that is usually dominated by tree-ferns.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	90 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Eucalyptus regnans</i>	Mountain Ash
	<i>Eucalyptus globulus</i> s.l.	Blue Gum
	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	4	30%	T
Medium Shrub	3	15%	MS
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	10%	LNG
Ground Fern	4	20%	GF
Tree Fern	2	20%	TRF
Epiphyte	2	1%	EP
Scrambler or Climber	2	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy-bush
T	<i>Acacia dealbata</i>	Silver Wattle
T	<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
T	<i>Bedfordia arborescens</i>	Blanket-leaf
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	Austral Mulberry
MS	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
MH	<i>Australina pusilla</i> ssp. <i>muelleri</i>	Shade Nettle
MH	<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	White Elderberry
MH	<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	Hairy Pennywort
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
LTG	<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	Tall Sword-sedge
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
GF	<i>Grammitis billardierei</i>	Common Finger-fern
GF	<i>Asplenium bulbiferum</i> ssp. <i>gracillimum</i>	Mother Spleenwort
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
TRF	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree-fern
TRF	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern
EP	<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i> ssp. <i>pustulatum</i>	Kangaroo Fern
EP	<i>Fieldia australis</i>	Fieldia
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis
SC	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine

EVC 30: Wet Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

50 % cover

Logs:

30 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	Blackberry	high	high

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 31: Cool Temperate Rainforest

Description:

Closed non-eucalypt forest to 25 m tall with occasional eucalypt emergents. Occurs in high rainfall areas protected from fire within Wet Forest. The understorey characterised by tree ferns and a rich epiphytic flora. The ground layer is dominated by a diversity of ground ferns.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Nothofagus/Atherosperma</i>	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
50%	<i>Nothofagus cunninghamii</i>	Myrtle Beech
	<i>Atherosperma moschatum</i>	Southern Sassafras
	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	2	10%	T
Medium Shrub	2	5%	MS
Large Herb	2	5%	LH
Medium Herb	2	5%	MH
Ground Fern	6	15%	GF
Tree Fern	3	40%	TRF
Epiphyte	5	5%	EP
Scrambler or Climber	2	1%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	40%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	Austral Mulberry
LH	<i>Urtica incisa</i>	Scrub Nettle
MH	<i>Australina pusilla</i> ssp. <i>muelleri</i>	Shade Nettle
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
GF	<i>Grammitis billardierei</i>	Common Finger-fern
GF	<i>Asplenium bulbiferum</i> ssp. <i>gracillimum</i>	Mother Spleenwort
GF	<i>Blechnum watsii</i>	Hard Water-fern
TRF	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern
TRF	R v <i>Cyathea cunninghamii</i>	Slender Tree-fern
TRF	v <i>Cyathea X marcescens</i>	Skirted Tree-fern
EP	<i>Microsorium pustulatum</i> ssp. <i>pustulatum</i>	Kangaroo Fern
EP	<i>Fieldia australis</i>	Fieldia
EP	<i>Rumohra adiantiformis</i>	Leathery Shield-fern
EP	<i>Crepidomanes venosum</i>	Veined Bristle-fern
SC	<i>Clematis aristata</i>	Mountain Clematis

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

50 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

EVC 31: Cool Temperate Rainforest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 32: Warm Temperate Rainforest

Description:

Closed forest to 25 m tall restricted to the lowlands where it grows on protected slopes adjacent to streams and along minor gullies. Dominated by a range of non-eucalypt canopy species above an understorey of smaller trees and shrubs and usually visually dominated by ferns and climbers.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
Various spp.	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
50%	<i>Hedycarya angustifolia</i>	Austral Mulberry
	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
	<i>Pomaderris aspera</i>	Hazel Pomaderris
	<i>Pittosporum undulatum</i>	Sweet Pittosporum
	<i>Rapanea howittiana</i>	Muttonwood

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	3	30%	T
Medium Shrub	2	15%	MS
Large Herb	1	1%	LH
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LNG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	4	15%	GF
Tree Fern	1	5%	TRF
Epiphyte	1	1%	EP
Scrambler or Climber	3	20%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

EVC 32: Warm Temperate Rainforest – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Olearia argophylla</i>	Musk Daisy-bush
T	<i>Prostanthera lasianthos</i>	Victorian Christmas-bush
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Olearia lirata</i>	Snowy Daisy-bush
MS	<i>Polyscias sambucifolia</i>	Elderberry Panax
LH	<i>Urtica incisa</i>	Scrub Nettle
MH	<i>Sambucus gaudichaudiana</i>	White Elderberry
MH	<i>Stellaria flaccida</i>	Forest Starwort
MH	<i>Austrocynoglossum latifolium</i>	Forest Hound's-tongue
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
SH	<i>Hydrocotyle laxiflora</i>	Stinking Pennywort
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
LTG	<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	Tall Sword-sedge
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
MNG	<i>Echinopogon ovatus</i>	Common Hedgehog-grass
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
GF	<i>Polystichum proliferum</i>	Mother Shield-fern
GF	<i>Asplenium flabellifolium</i>	Necklace Fern
GF	<i>Pellaea falcata</i> s.l.	Sickle Fern
GF	<i>Lastreopsis acuminata</i>	Shiny Shield-fern
TRF	<i>Cyathea australis</i>	Rough Tree-fern
TRF	<i>Dicksonia antarctica</i>	Soft Tree-fern
EP	<i>Microsorium scandens</i>	Fragrant Fern
SC	<i>Pandorea pandorana</i>	Wonga Vine
SC	<i>Clematis glycinoides</i>	Forest Clematis
SC	<i>Parsonsia brownii</i>	Twining Silkpod

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

50 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
SS	<i>Rubus fruticosus</i> spp. agg.	Blackberry	high	high
LH	<i>Solanum nigrum</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Black Nightshade	high	low
LH	<i>Hypericum androsaemum</i>	Tutsan	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 45: Shrubby Foothill Forest

Description:

Occurs on ridges and drier northerly and westerly slopes in association with Damp Forest (on sheltered slopes) on moderately fertile soils and at a range of elevations. The overstorey is a medium eucalypt forest to 25 m tall over an understorey characterised by a distinctive middle strata dominated by a diversity of narrow-leaved shrubs and a paucity of ferns, graminoids and herbs in the ground stratum.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
40%	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus sieberi</i>	Silvertop Ash
	<i>Eucalyptus cypellocarpa</i>	Mountain Grey Gum
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	1	5%	T
Medium Shrub	8	35%	MS
Small Shrub	4	15%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	5%	PS
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MTG
Ground Fern	2	10%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	1	1%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C
Total understorey projective foliage cover		90%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	Cherry Ballart
MS	<i>Spyridium parvifolium</i>	Dusty Miller
MS	<i>Goodenia ovata</i>	Hop Goodenia
MS	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses
MS	<i>Acacia mucronata</i> ssp. <i>longifolia</i>	Narrow-leaf Wattle
SS	<i>Amperea xiphoclada</i> var. <i>xiphoclada</i>	Broom Spurge
SS	<i>Tetralochea ciliata</i>	Pink-bells
SS	<i>Lomatia ilicifolia</i>	Holly Lomatia
SS	<i>Platylobium formosum</i>	Handsome Flat-pea
PS	<i>Acrotriche prostrata</i>	Trailing Ground-berry
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LNG	<i>Tetrarrhena juncea</i>	Forest Wire-grass
MTG	<i>Poa australis</i> spp. agg.	Tussock Grass
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
SC	<i>Billardiera scandens</i>	Common Apple-berry

EVC 45: Shrubby Foothill Forest - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 48: Heathy Woodland

Description:

Spans a variety of geologies but is generally associated with nutrient-poor soils including deep uniform sands (aeolian or outwash) and Tertiary sand/clay which has been altered to form quartzite gravel. Eucalypt-dominated low woodland to 10 m tall lacking a secondary tree layer and generally supporting a diverse array of narrow or ericoid-leaved shrubs except where frequent fire has reduced this to a dense cover of bracken. Geophytes and annuals can be quite common but the ground cover is normally fairly sparse.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	50 cm	15 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
10%	<i>Eucalyptus willisii</i>	Jimmy's Shining Peppermint
	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
	<i>Eucalyptus viminalis</i> ssp. <i>pryoriana</i>	Rough-barked Manna Gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Medium Shrub	5	30%	MS
Small Shrub	5	20%	SS
Medium Herb	2	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C
Total understorey projective foliage cover		75%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
MS	<i>Leptospermum myrsinoides</i>	Heath Tea-tree
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Monotoca scoparia</i>	Prickly Broom-heath
SS	<i>Amperea xiphoclada</i> var. <i>xiphoclada</i>	Broom Spurge
SS	<i>Leucopogon virgatus</i>	Common Beard-heath
SS	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
LTG	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
MNG	<i>Hypolaena fastigiata</i>	Tassel Rope-rush
SC	<i>Cassytha glabella</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 20 years.

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Logs:

15 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

EVC 48: Heathy Woodland - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 53: Swamp Scrub

Description:

Closed scrub to 8 m tall at low elevations on alluvial deposits along streams or on poorly drained sites with higher nutrient availability. The vegetation characteristically lacks a eucalypt overstorey and is dominated by Swamp Paperbark *Melaleuca ericifolia* which often forms a dense thicket, out-competing other species. Where light penetrates to ground level, a moss/lichen/liverwort or herbaceous ground cover is often present. Dry variants have a grassy/herbaceous ground layer.

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
70%	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark

Life forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	2	10%	MS
Small Shrub	2	1%	SS
Large Herb	2	1%	LH
Medium Herb	3	15%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	3	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	15%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	1	1%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
LH	<i>Lycopus australis</i>	Australian Gipsywort
LH	<i>Lythrum salicaria</i>	Purple Loosestrife
LH	<i>Persicaria praetermissa</i>	Spotted Knotweed
MH	<i>Hydrocotyle pterocarpa</i>	Wing Pennywort
MH	<i>Stellaria angustifolia</i>	Swamp Starwort
MH	<i>Lobelia anceps</i>	Angled Lobelia
SH	<i>Crassula helmsii</i>	Swamp Crassula
LTG	<i>Juncus procerus</i>	Tall Rush
LTG	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock-grass
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
LNG	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed
LNG	<i>Baumea rubiginosa</i> s.l.	Soft Twig-rush
MTG	<i>Triglochin procerum</i> s.l.	Water Ribbons
MTG	<i>Juncus gregiflorus</i>	Green Rush
MNG	<i>Eleocharis acuta</i>	Common Spike-sedge
GF	<i>Blechnum cartilagineum</i>	Gristle Fern
SC	<i>Calystegia sepium</i>	Large Bindweed

EVC 53: Swamp Scrub - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	low	low
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	high

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 55: Plains Grassy Woodland

Description:

An open, eucalypt woodland to 15 m tall occurring on a number of geologies and soil types. Occupies poorly drained, fertile soils on flat or gently undulating plains at low elevations. The understorey consists of a few sparse shrubs over a species-rich grassy and herbaceous ground layer.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	80 cm	10 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
20%	<i>Eucalyptus tereticornis</i> ssp. <i>mediana</i>	Gippsland Red-gum
	<i>Eucalyptus camaldulensis</i>	River Red-gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	1	5%	T
Medium Shrub	2	10%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Large Herb	1	5%	LH
Medium Herb	10	20%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	9	35%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	10%	MNG
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Allocasuarina littoralis</i>	Black Sheoak
T	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	Black Wattle
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
MS	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Burgan
SS	<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
PS	<i>Bossiaea prostrata</i>	Creeping Bossiaea
MH	<i>Hypericum gramineum</i>	Small St John's Wort
MH	<i>Oxalis perennans</i>	Grassland Wood-sorrel
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
SH	<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>	Small Poranthera
LTG	<i>Austrostipa rudis</i>	Veined Spear-grass
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
MTG	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass
MTG	<i>Carex breviculmis</i>	Common Grass-sedge
MTG	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
MTG	<i>Schoenus apogon</i>	Common Bog-sedge
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass

EVC 55: Plains Grassy Woodland – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

10 % cover

Logs:

10 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Plantago lanceolata</i>	Ribwort	high	low
MH	<i>Hypchoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Centaureum erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	high	low
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	high
MTG	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	high	high
MNG	<i>Romulea rosea</i>	Onion Grass	high	low
MNG	<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	high	low
MNG	<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 73: Rocky Outcrop Shrubland/Rocky Outcrop Herbland Mosaic

Description:

Occurs in areas of low site quality on exposed rocky outcrops where rock is a dominant landform feature, soils are shallow or virtually absent and effective rainfall is low. Shrubland to 2 m tall with occasional emergent trees interspersed with discrete shrubless areas dominated by herbs and bryophytes/lichens characterise this EVC mosaic. Commonly, the shrubland and herbland components of this mosaic cannot be separated at the site scale.

Life forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	7	25%	MS
Small Shrub	3	10%	SS
Large Herb	2	5%	LH
Medium Herb	5	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	4	10%	MTG
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Burgan
MS	<i>Monotoca scoparia</i>	Prickly Broom-heath
MS	<i>Hovea pannosa</i> s.l.	Mountain Beauty
MS	<i>Brachyloma daphnoides</i>	Daphne Heath
SS	<i>Hibbertia obtusifolia</i>	Grey Guinea-flower
SS	<i>Dillwynia phyllicoides</i>	Small-leaf Parrot-pea
SS	<i>Rhytidosporum procumbens</i>	White Marianth
SS	<i>Acacia gunnii</i>	Ploughshare Wattle
PS	<i>Platylobium formosum</i>	Handsome Flat-pea
PS	<i>Persoonia chamaepeuce</i>	Dwarf Geebung
LH	<i>Senecio tenuiflorus</i>	Slender Fireweed
LH	<i>Derwentia perfoliata</i>	Digger's Speedwell
LH	<i>Wahlenbergia multicaulis</i>	Branching Bluebell
LH	<i>Senecio pinnatifolius</i>	Variable Groundsel
MH	<i>Stellaria pungens</i>	Prickly Starwort
MH	<i>Helichrysum scorpioides</i>	Button Everlasting
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
SH	<i>Crassula sieberiana</i>	Sieber Crassula
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LTG	<i>Joycea pallida</i>	Silvertop Wallaby-grass
LTG	<i>Austrodanthonia induta</i>	Shiny Wallaby-grass
MTG	<i>Poa sieberiana</i>	Grey Tussock-grass
MTG	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock-grass
MTG	<i>Carex breviculmis</i>	Short-stem Sedge
MTG	<i>Austrodanthonia racemosa</i> var. <i>racemosa</i>	Stiped Wallaby-grass
GF	<i>Cheilanthes austrotenuifolia</i>	Green Rock-fern
GF	<i>Asplenium flabellifolium</i>	Necklace Fern

EVC 73: Rocky Outcrop Shrubland/Rocky Outcrop Herbland Mosaic - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

10% cover

Logs:

5 m/0.1 ha. (note: large log class does not apply)

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MNG	<i>Vulpia myuros</i>	Rat's-tail Fescue	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 83: Swampy Riparian Woodland

Description:

Woodland to 15 m tall generally occupying low energy streams of the foothills and plains. The lower strata are variously locally dominated by a range of large and medium shrub species on the stream levees in combination with large tussock grasses and sedges in the ground layer.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70	15 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
20%	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp Gum
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	4	30%	T
Medium Shrub	5	20%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Large Herb	3	5%	LH
Medium Herb	7	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	15%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	5	10%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	2	5%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Acacia melanoxylon</i>	Blackwood
T	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark
T	<i>Leptospermum lanigerum</i>	Woolly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Coprosma quadrifida</i>	Prickly Currant-bush
LH	<i>Senecio minimus</i>	Shrubby Fireweed
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
MH	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee
MH	<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	Hairy Pennywort
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
LTG	<i>Cyperus lucidus</i>	Leafy Flat-sedge
LTG	<i>Lepidosperma elatius</i>	Tall Sword-sedge
LTG	<i>Juncus procerus</i>	Tall Rush
MTG	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass
MTG	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides</i> var. <i>stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken

EVC 83: Swampy Riparian Woodland - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

20 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Cirsium vulgare</i>	Spear Thistle	high	high
LH	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow-thistle	high	low
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Prunella vulgaris</i>	Self-heal	high	high
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	high
MTG	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	high	high
MTG	<i>Briza maxima</i>	Large Quaking-grass	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 151: Plains Grassy Forest

Description:

Open forest to 20 m tall often above a heathy shrub layer and a diverse grassy, sedgy and herbaceous ground layer. Occurs on lowland plains and old river terraces made up of gravelly sandy clays.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70 cm	20 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
30%	<i>Eucalyptus muelleriana</i>	Yellow Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus bridgesiana</i> s.l.	But But
	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	3	15%	T
Medium Shrub	6	20%	MS
Small Shrub	3	5%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	2	5%	PS
Large Herb	3	5%	LH
Medium Herb	6	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	4	15%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	1%	MNG
Ground Fern	2	10%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

EVC 151: Plains Grassy Forest – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Acacia mearnsii</i>	Black Wattle
T	<i>Acacia implexa</i>	Lightwood
T	<i>Exocarpos cupressiformis</i>	Cherry Ballart
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia
MS	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Burgan
MS	<i>Melaleuca parvistaminea</i>	Rough-barked Honey-myrtle
SS	<i>Pimelea humilis</i>	Common Rice-flower
SS	<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Erect Guinea-flower
SS	<i>Platylobium obtusangulum</i>	Common Flat-pea
SS	<i>Phyllanthus hirtellus</i>	Thyme Spurge
PS	<i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>	Honey-pots
PS	<i>Bossiaea prostrata</i>	Creeping Bossiaea
PS	<i>Astroloma humifusum</i>	Cranberry Heath
LH	<i>Tricoryne elatior</i>	Yellow Rush-lily
LH	<i>Wahlenbergia gracilis s.l.</i>	Sprawling Bluebell
MH	<i>Poranthera microphylla</i>	Small Poranthera
MH	<i>Hypericum gramineum</i>	Small St John's Wort
MH	<i>Hydrocotyle hirta</i>	Hairy Pennywort
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
SH	<i>Oxalis corniculata s.l.</i>	Yellow Wood-sorrel
SH	<i>Opercularia varia</i>	Variable Stinkweed
LTG	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor ssp. lutea</i>	Small Grass-tree
LTG	<i>Lomandra longifolia</i>	Spiny-headed Mat-rush
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
MTG	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass
MTG	<i>Poa australis spp. agg.</i>	Tussock Grass
MTG	<i>Lomandra filiformis</i>	Wattle Mat-rush
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Microlaena stipoides var. stipoides</i>	Weeping Grass
MNG	<i>Entolasia marginata</i>	Bordered Panic
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

20 % cover

Logs:

20 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Centaurium tenuiflorum</i>	Slender Centaury	high	low
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	high	low

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 161: Coastal Headland Scrub

Description:

Scrub or low shrubland to 2 m tall on steep, rocky coastal headlands often associated with cliffs exposed to the stresses of extreme salt-laden winds and salt spray from the south west.

Life forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	7	50%	MS
Small Shrub	2	5%	SS
Large Herb	2	1%	LH
Medium Herb	4	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	2	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	4	10%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Scrambler or Climber	2	5%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Total understorey projective foliage cover		70%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Leptospermum laevigatum</i>	Coast Tea-tree
MS	<i>Acacia longifolia</i> ssp. <i>sophorae</i>	Coast Wattle
MS	<i>Rhagodia candolleana</i> ssp. <i>candolleana</i>	Seaberry Saltbush
MS	<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath
SS	<i>Leucophyta brownii</i>	Cushion Bush
SH	<i>Dichondra repens</i>	Kidney-weed
SH	<i>Disphyma crassifolium</i> ssp. <i>clavellatum</i>	Rounded Noon-flower
MTG	<i>Dianella brevicaulis</i>	Small-flower Flax-lily
MTG	<i>Lachnagrostis billardierei</i> s.l.	Coast Blown-grass
MTG	<i>Poa poliformis</i>	Coast Tussock-grass
MTG	<i>Austrodanthonia caespitosa</i>	Common Wallaby-grass
MNG	<i>Ficinia nodosa</i>	Knobby Club-sedge
SC	<i>Clematis microphylla</i>	Small-leaved Clematis
SC	<i>Tetragonia implexicoma</i>	Bower Spinach

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Chrysanthemoides monilifera</i>	Boneseed	high	high
MS	<i>Polygala myrtifolia</i> var. <i>myrtifolia</i>	Myrtle-leaf Milkwort	high	high
LH	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow-thistle	high	low
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MTG	<i>Ehrharta erecta</i> var. <i>erecta</i>	Panic Veldt-grass	high	high

EVC 161: Coastal Headland Scrub – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 163: Coastal Tussock Grassland

Description:

A tussock grassland that may contain emergent shrubs. Occurs on exposed coastal cliffs and bluffs. Soils are saline and the strong salt-laden winds preclude tree growth.

Life Forms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	3	20%	MS
Small Shrub	1	5%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	1	1%	PS
Large Herb	2	5%	LH
Medium Herb	5	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	5%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	4	25%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	2	5%	MNG
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Leucopogon parviflorus</i>	Coast Beard-heath
MS	<i>Correa alba</i>	White Correa
MH	<i>Viola hederacea</i> sensu Willis (1972)	Ivy-leaf Violet
MH	<i>Samolus repens</i>	Creeping Brookweed
MH	<i>Asperula conferta</i>	Common Woodruff
MH	<i>Daucus glochidiatus</i>	Austral Carrot
SH	<i>Selliera radicans</i>	Shiny Swamp-mat
LTG	<i>Gahnia trifida</i>	Coast Saw-sedge
LTG	<i>Austrostipa stipoides</i>	Prickly Spear-grass
LTG	<i>Dichelachne crinita</i>	Long-hair Plume-grass
MTG	<i>Poa poiiformis</i>	Coast Tussock-grass
MTG	<i>Schoenus apogon</i>	Common Bog-sedge
MTG	<i>Dianella revoluta</i> s.l.	Black-anther Flax-lily
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma gladiatum</i>	Coast Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Baumea juncea</i>	Bare Twig-sedge

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

20 % cover

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
LH	<i>Sonchus oleraceus</i>	Common Sow-thistle	high	low
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Anagallis arvensis</i>	Pimpernel	high	low
MH	<i>Plantago coronopus</i>	Buck's-horn Plantain	high	low
MH	<i>Leontodon taraxacoides</i> ssp. <i>taraxacoides</i>	Hairy Hawkbit	high	low

EVC 163: Coastal Tussock Grassland – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 191: Riparian Scrub

Description:

A dense shrubland to 6 m tall growing on waterlogged substrates often with a peaty surface horizon. Emergent eucalypts may be occasionally present. The understorey is often species-poor and consists typically of sedges tolerant of seasonal waterlogging. Occurs along creeks and minor stream tributaries of the lowland plains.

Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
50%	<i>Melaleuca squarrosa</i> <i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Scented Paperbark Prickly Tea-tree

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	3	10%	MS
Small Shrub	1	1%	SS
Large Herb	2	5%	LH
Medium Herb	1	1%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	3	15%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL
Total understorey projective foliage cover		70%	

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia
MS	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses
MS	<i>Ozothamnus rosmarinifolius</i>	Rosemary Everlasting
LH	<i>Villarsia reniformis</i>	Running Marsh-flower
LTG	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
LTG	<i>Gahnia clarkei</i>	Tall Saw-sedge
LTG	<i>Baloskion tetraphyllum</i> ssp. <i>tetraphyllum</i>	Tassel Cord-rush
LNG	<i>Lepidosperma longitudinale</i>	Pithy Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Baumea tetragona</i>	Square Twig-sedge
MNG	<i>Schoenus brevifolius</i>	Zig-zag Bog-sedge
MNG	<i>Empodisma minus</i>	Spreading Rope-rush
SC	<i>Cassytha glabella</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Weediness:

There are no consistent weeds in this EVC.

EVC 191: Riparian Scrub - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC/Bioregion Benchmark for Vegetation Quality Assessment

Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 233: Wet Sands Thicket

Description:

Dense, impenetrable heathy scrub to 5 m tall with occasional emergent eucalypts. Occurs on Tertiary outwash geology on deep sandy grey loams to sands.

Lifeforms:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Medium Shrub	5	50%	MS
Small Shrub	4	10%	SS
Medium Herb	2	1%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	1	1%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	1	5%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	1	1%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	1%	GF
Scrambler or Climber	1	1%	SC
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	10%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Acacia verticillata</i>	Prickly Moses
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Pimelea linifolia</i>	Slender Rice-flower
MS	<i>Monotoca glauca</i>	Currant-wood
SS	<i>Leucopogon australis</i>	Spike Beard-heath
SS	<i>Dillwynia glaberrima</i>	Smooth Parrot-pea
SS	<i>Bauera rubioides</i>	Wiry Bauera
SS	<i>Amperea xiphoclada</i> var. <i>xiphoclada</i>	Broom Spurge
MH	<i>Selaginella uliginosa</i>	Swamp Selaginella
SH	<i>Mitrasacme pilosa</i> var. <i>pilosa</i>	Hairy Mitrewort
LTG	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
MTG	<i>Patersonia fragilis</i>	Short Purple-flag
MNG	<i>Tetrarrhena distichophylla</i>	Hairy Rice-grass
GF	<i>Lindsaea linearis</i>	Screw Fern
SC	<i>Cassytha glabella</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

40 % cover

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Coprosma repens</i>	Mirror Bush	high	high
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
MH	<i>Lotus uliginosus</i>	Greater Bird's-foot Trefoil	high	low
MH	<i>Centaurium erythraea</i>	Common Centaury	high	low
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	low
MTG	<i>Briza minor</i>	Lesser Quaking-grass	high	low
MTG	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	high	low
SC	<i>Rubus</i> sp. aff. <i>armeniacus</i>	Blackberry	high	high

EVC 233: Wet Sands Thicket - Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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EVC 793: Damp Heathy Woodland

Description:

Woodland to 10 m tall with tall dense heathy understorey which becomes tall scrub if long unburnt in high rainfall areas. The ground layer consists of grasses, herbs, small shrubs and tough-leaved monocots. Developed on sandy soils of moderate to low fertility, typically wet in winter due to impeding layer in soil and dry in summer.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	60 cm	10 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
15%	<i>Eucalyptus cephalocarpa</i> s.l.	Mealy Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp Gum

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Medium Shrub	5	30%	MS
Small Shrub	4	5%	SS
Prostrate Shrub	2	1%	PS
Medium Herb	3	5%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	20%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	2	5%	LTG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	3	10%	MTG
Medium to Tiny Non-tufted Graminoid	1	5%	MNG
Ground Fern	1	5%	GF
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL
Soil Crust	na	10%	S/C

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MS	<i>Epacris impressa</i>	Common Heath
MS	<i>Banksia marginata</i>	Silver Banksia
MS	<i>Kunzea ericoides</i>	Burgan
SS	<i>Hibbertia riparia</i>	Erect Guinea-flower
SS	<i>Hovea heterophylla</i>	Common Hovea
PS	<i>Acrotriche serrulata</i>	Honey-pots
MH	<i>Gonocarpus tetragynus</i>	Common Raspwort
SH	<i>Drosera whittakeri</i> ssp. <i>aberrans</i>	Scented Sundew
LTG	<i>Xanthorrhoea minor</i> ssp. <i>lutea</i>	Small Grass-tree
MTG	<i>Themeda triandra</i>	Kangaroo Grass
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma filiforme</i>	Common Rapier-sedge
GF	<i>Pteridium esculentum</i>	Austral Bracken
SC	<i>Cassytha glabella</i>	Slender Dodder-laurel

Recruitment:

Episodic/Fire. Desirable period between disturbances is 30 years.

Organic Litter:

20 % cover

Logs:

10 m/0.1 ha.

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low

EVC 793: Damp Heathy Woodland – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

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Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

EVC 937: Swampy Woodland

Description:

Open eucalypt woodland to 15 m tall with ground-layer dominated by tussock grasses and/or sedges and often rich in herbs. Occurs on poorly drained, seasonally waterlogged heavy soils, primarily on swamp deposits but extending to suitable substrates within some landscapes of sedimentary origin.

Large trees:

Species	DBH(cm)	#/ha
<i>Eucalyptus</i> spp.	70 cm	15 / ha

Tree Canopy Cover:

%cover	Character Species	Common Name
15%	<i>Eucalyptus ovata</i>	Swamp Gum
	<i>Eucalyptus cephalocarpa</i> s.s.	Mealy Stringybark
	<i>Eucalyptus radiata</i> s.l.	Narrow-leaf Peppermint
	<i>Eucalyptus obliqua</i>	Messmate Stringybark

Understorey:

Life form	#Spp	%Cover	LF code
Immature Canopy Tree		5%	IT
Understorey Tree or Large Shrub	1	5%	T
Medium Shrub	2	20%	MS
Medium Herb	5	10%	MH
Small or Prostrate Herb	3	10%	SH
Large Tufted Graminoid	4	30%	LTG
Large Non-tufted Graminoid	2	10%	LNG
Medium to Small Tufted Graminoid	4	10%	MTG
Bryophytes/Lichens	na	20%	BL

LF Code	Species typical of at least part of EVC range	Common Name
T	<i>Melaleuca ericifolia</i>	Swamp Paperbark
MS	<i>Leptospermum continentale</i>	Prickly Tea-tree
MH	<i>Acaena novae-zelandiae</i>	Bidgee-widgee
MH	<i>Centella cordifolia</i>	Centella
MH	<i>Gratiola peruviana</i>	Austral Brooklime
SH	<i>Mazus pumilio</i>	Swamp Mazus
LTG	<i>Gahnia sieberiana</i>	Red-fruit Saw-sedge
LTG	<i>Poa labillardierei</i>	Common Tussock-grass
LTG	<i>Carex appressa</i>	Tall Sedge
LNG	<i>Gahnia radula</i>	Thatch Saw-sedge
LNG	<i>Phragmites australis</i>	Common Reed
MTG	<i>Schoenus apogon</i>	Common Bog-sedge
MTG	<i>Lepidosperma laterale</i>	Variable Sword-sedge
MNG	<i>Poa tenera</i>	Slender Tussock-grass
MNG	<i>Juncus holoschoenus</i>	Joint-leaf Rush

Recruitment:

Continuous

Organic Litter:

20 % cover

Logs:

15 m/0.1 ha.

EVC 937: Swampy Woodland – Strzelecki Ranges bioregion

Weediness:

LF Code	Typical Weed Species	Common Name	Invasive	Impact
MS	<i>Rubus</i> sp. aff. <i>armeniacus</i>	Blackberry	high	high
MH	<i>Hypochoeris radicata</i>	Cat's Ear	high	low
LNG	<i>Holcus lanatus</i>	Yorkshire Fog	high	high
MTG	<i>Anthoxanthum odoratum</i>	Sweet Vernal-grass	high	high

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